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SHADOW MAN
NINJA ROBOT

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DECOY-PROJECTING ROBOT

BREAK MAN
A.K.A. BLUES -- MEGA MAN'S BROTHER

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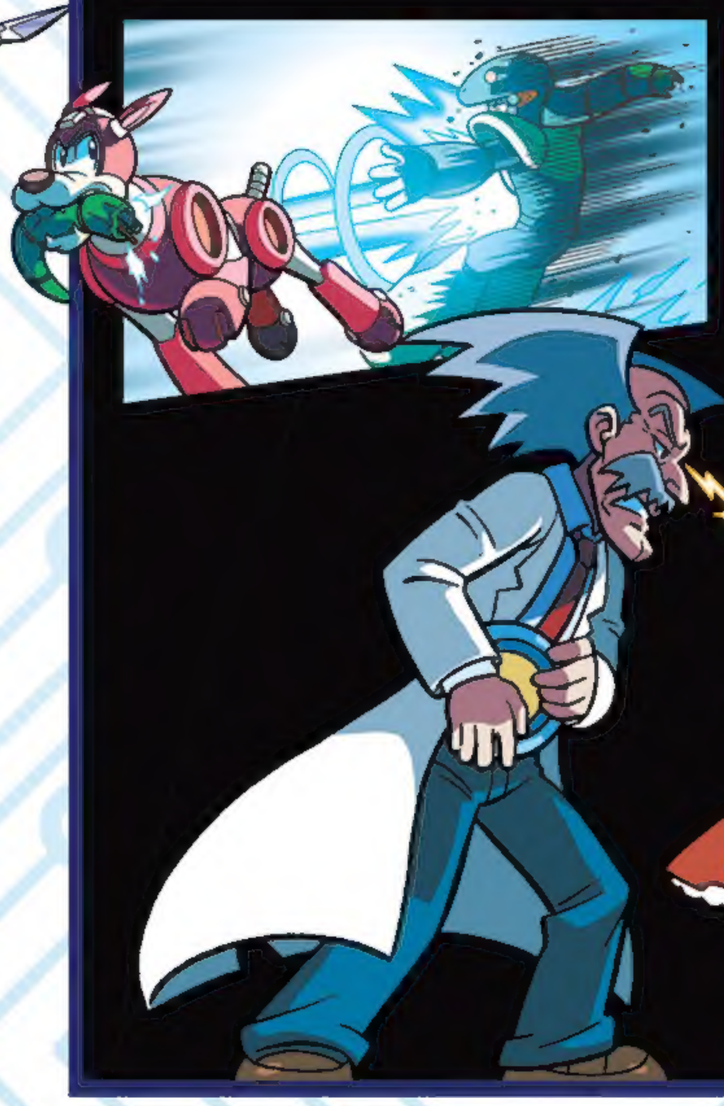
Mega Man is on the hunt for the eight rogue Robot Masters! They've stolen the super-rare Energy Elements required to power Dr. Light's latest creation – the titan robot known as Gamma.



Mega Man already recovered two of the Energy Elements from small mining asteroids, and fought Top Man and Snake Man to claim them.

As his search continues, Dr. Wily remains on Earth in Light Labs,

and he's up to something...

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GAMMA HANGAR, DEEP UNDER LIGHT LABS...

YOW!

KZZ-POP!

ROLL?!

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S SISTER

CAREFUL, DEAR! THE ENERGY ELEMENTS ARE *EXTREMELY* POWERFUL CRYSTAL BATTERIES, AND THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT!

I DON'T WANT IT DESTABILIZING AND HURTING YOU!

I'LL BE CAREFUL!

CLICK!

I'M SORRY. THIS WHOLE ORDEAL HAS ME A BIT ON EDGE.

DR. THOMAS LIGHT
CREATOR OF MEGA MAN & ROLL

DO YOU READ ME, SON? WE'VE GOT THE FIRST TWO ENERGY ELEMENTS YOU RECOVERED INSTALLED.

COPY THAT, DR. LIGHT. STAND BY.

I'LL HAVE ANOTHER ONE FOR YOU IN A FEW MINUTES!

RUSH
ROBO-DOG (IN "RUSH SPACE" MODE)

MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT

Legends of the BLUE BOMBER

Part Two: WITH LOYALTY, WITH REFLECTION

BBOO-DEET!
BBOO-DEET!

I SEE.

THIS IS IT, THEN.

SHADOW MAN

DWN-024
RECLAIMED
ALIEN ROBOT,
OPTIMIZED
NINJA ASSASSIN

SO MUCH HAS CHANGED FOR ME SINCE MY CREATION...

...AND YET HERE I AM AGAIN...

...BESIEGED BY ROBOTS OF "JUSTICE"...

"...WAITING TO DIE FOR MY MASTER."

OVER 20,000 YEARS AGO...

LISTEN UP, KUIPER DROIDS! THE STAR MARSHALS ARE CONVERGING UPON US! THEY'RE AIMING TO DESTROY OUR CREATOR!

YOU *WILL NOT* LET THAT HAPPEN!

NATURALLY, WE STARDROIDS WILL DESTROY THOSE ARROGANT FOOLS...

...BUT IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO ESCORT OUR CREATOR, *RA MOON*, TO SAFETY!

VVVOOSH!

STAR MARSHALS! COMING IN FROM BEHIND!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BLAM!

HAHA! I DON'T KNOW WHY TERRA BOTHERED TO SEND YOU--

SKORTCH

TRIO... WHY...?

DIE WONDERING, QUARTET.

SHA-KOOM

SHUNK!

HE... HE WAS YOUR...

RA MOON HOLDS AN ANCIENT POWER. I HAVE COME TO BELIEVE IN IT AS MUCH AS YOU AND HIS OTHER CHILDREN.

GO. ATTEND TO OUR MASTER WHILE I PRACTICE MY COVER STORY.

"ENSURE HIS VISION IS FULFILLED...

"...AND THAT NO HARM COMES TO HIM."

I WAS BUILT TO SERVE AND PROTECT MY MASTER.

EACH TIME I'VE FAILED, I'VE NEEDED TO BE RESCUED BY SOMEONE ELSE...

NEVER AGAIN!

I *WILL* *NOT* FAIL THEM AGAIN!

I HAVE A NEW MASTER NOW! NEW BROTHERS! A NEW PURPOSE!

CHOMP!

CRACK

WEAPON: EQUIP! SEARCH SNAKE

THINK AGAIN!

WEAKLING! YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME YOURSELF!

YOU NEED YOUR DOG AND THE WEAPONS STOLEN FROM MY BROTHERS!

WEAPON: EQUIP! TOP SPIN

WHAM

I AM A CHILD OF RA MOON! ENHANCED BY DR. WILY! YOU CAN'T--!

WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM WHAM

"JUSTICE" ...FINALLY CAUGHT UP... TO ME...

KZT

PERHAPS...MY PRIDE ...BLINDED ME TO...TO YOUR POTENTIAL...

I GUESS...YOU LIVE UP TO THE LEGENDS...

NO ONE ...TO SAVE ME... NOW...

CLUD!

LIGHT LABS...

THIS IS... THIS IS MEGA MAN. --HUFF--SHADOW MAN IS DOWN. I'M DAMAGED... BUT OKAY.

EXCELLENT WORK, SON. TAKE A MINUTE TO USE WHAT'S LEFT OF RUSH'S SUPPLIES TO REPAIR AND RECHARGE.

EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO CALL BREAK-- *ER!--**TAKE*** A BREAK! I'LL BE A MINUTE.

BETWEEN THE TELE-PORTERS AND I.C. CHIPS, THERE'S NOT MUCH ROOM FOR SUPPLIES.

YOU SHOULD REALLY DEVELOP SOME KIND OF STORAGE/DELIVERY ROBOT.

DR. ALBERT W. WILY "REFORMED" SCIENTIST

AS A MATTER OF FACT...

BREAK MAN? STATUS REPORT! HOW GOES THE COLLECTION?

WILY CASTLE 3... (LOCATION: UNKNOWN.)

COULD BE DOING BETTER... STAND BY.

QUICK MAN
SUPER-FAST ROBOT MASTER

BREAK MAN
A.K.A. BLUES

THE OLD MAN'S PLAN IS *INSANE!*

I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THIS!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU ***WANT.*** YOU WERE ***ORDERED*** TO HAND OVER YOUR I.C. CHIP AND WEAPON DATA.

LET ME TALK TO HIM!

PATCHING YOU THROUGH.

*QUICK MAN! HAND OVER THE GOODS-- **NOW!** THAT IS A **DIRECT** ORDER!*

*GRRR...I... MUST...**OBEY.***

NOBODY ELSE OBJECTED TO THIS?

THEY ***ALL*** DID. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO FOUGHT ME OVER IT.

I'LL HAVE THEM ALL READY FOR TRANSPORT SOON, DOCTOR.

EXCELLENT! I'LL CHECK BACK WITH YOU SOON.

HEY, DOC. YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A WEIRD SIGNAL COMING FROM THIS PART OF THE HOUSE?

UM... NO?

UH-HUH. NEXT QUESTION.

"YOU GONNA FLUSH?"

MAN-O-MAN, HE'S ALREADY HERE.

GEMINI MAN

DWN-019 MINING ROBOT WITH EXPERIMENTAL HOLOGRAPHIC DUPLICATION

(EVEN BY HIMSELF, HE'S NEVER ALONE.)

AND I'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THE OTHER THREE ASTEROIDS, SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST.

...HE TORE THROUGH THREE OF MY BROTHERS SO FAST...

...MAYBE I DON'T STAND A CHANCE?

THAT'S QUITTER TALK! AND WE'RE TOO HANDSOME TO TALK LIKE QUITTERS!

I *DO* HAVE A POINT!

THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THE KID LIVES UP TO HIS HYPE.

WE'VE GOT A REFLECTING LASER. HE'S GOT THE WEAPONS OF OUR BROTHERS *AND* THAT BUSTER OF HIS.

I'M RIGHT. I NEED A PLAN.

OOH! OOH! I GOT IT!

DIVIDE AND CONQUER! OR... MULTIPLY, IN THIS CASE.

HE CAN'T TELL US APART! WE USE THE COPIES AS DECOYS, SNEAK UP ON HIM, AND BLINDSIDE HIM!

YEAH...YEAH! WE'RE MASTERS OF THE AMBUSH!

BUT WE KNEW THAT ALREADY.

WHY DO I BOTHER? I FEEL LIKE I'M TALKING TO MYSELF.

HAHA! GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE! NOW, BEFORE HE GETS HERE, LET'S...

GEMINI MAN!

BLIP BLIP

BLIP

...WHOOPS. UM...HI.

THE EGGS! THE WALLS! THIS *PLACE!* WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HONESTLY? I COULDN'T TELL YA. EXPERIMENTS ON GROWING ALGAE OR SOMETHING.

WANNA SEE IF *THEY* KNOW?

NOPE.

NO CLUE.

WHO CARES ?!

STICK TO THE SIDELINES, SNOOPY!

YIPE!

RUSH!

YOU BLEW IT! *YOU'RE* THE REAL ONE, SINCE YOUR COPIES CAN'T--!

ARGH!

ZAP

ZAP

ZAP

"CAN'T"-- WHAT?

FOCUS THE LIGHT ENERGY--

--INTO LASER ENERGY--

--AND BLAST YOU?

OKAY, MY MISTAKE! YOU CAN *ALL* SHOOT ME--

--BUT I ONLY NEED TO SHOOT *ONE* OF YOU!

AW, CRUD...

OH! UH...OUCH! MY LEG! THAT TOTALLY, DEFINITELY HIT ME!

NO! LOOK AT ME! *LOOK AT ME!*

BACK! *BACK!* DON'T-- *AUGH!*

AHH! GET OFF, YOU WRETCHED LITTLE THINGS! ARGH!

GRRGH!

HEH...THAT'S IT, I GUESS. I THOUGHT I HAD YOU THERE FOR A MINUTE.

I SHOULD'VE REMEMBERED I WAS A MINING ROBOT FIRST, FANCY LIGHT SHOW SECOND.

DON'T ...DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF. I WAS BUILT TO BE A LAB ASSISTANT, AND NOW LOOK AT ME.

LOOK AT *US.*

HA! YEAH!

UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUM-STANCES, YOU MIGHT HAVE HELPED BUILD ME.

I'D BE MINING THIS PLACE, INSTEAD OF GUARDING THE ENERGY ELEMENT.

I'M GOING TO SALVAGE YOUR I.C. CHIP. DOCTOR LIGHT CAN REBUILD YOU, GIVE YOU A PEACEFUL PURPOSE.

WOW. THAT'S SWEET OF YOU, KID. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS--

--I'VE ALWAYS GOT MY BACK!

ZAP!

Is this the END of MEGA MAN'S HUNT?!
What is Doctor Wily PLOTTING, and what is Break Man DOING?
The INTENSITY ramps up NEXT TIME!
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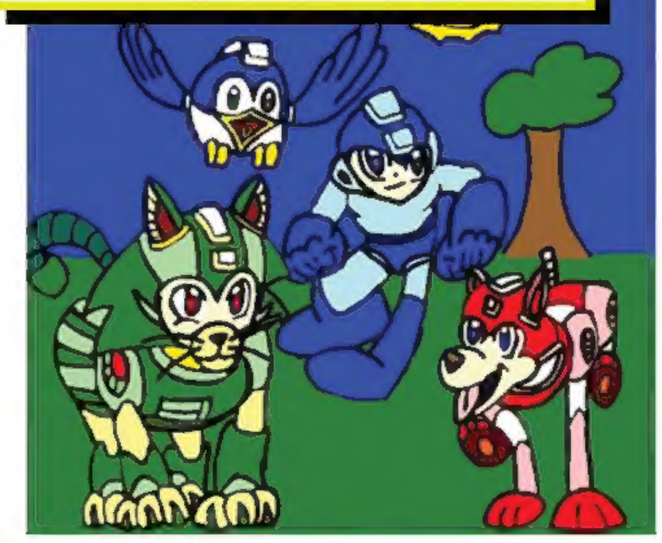

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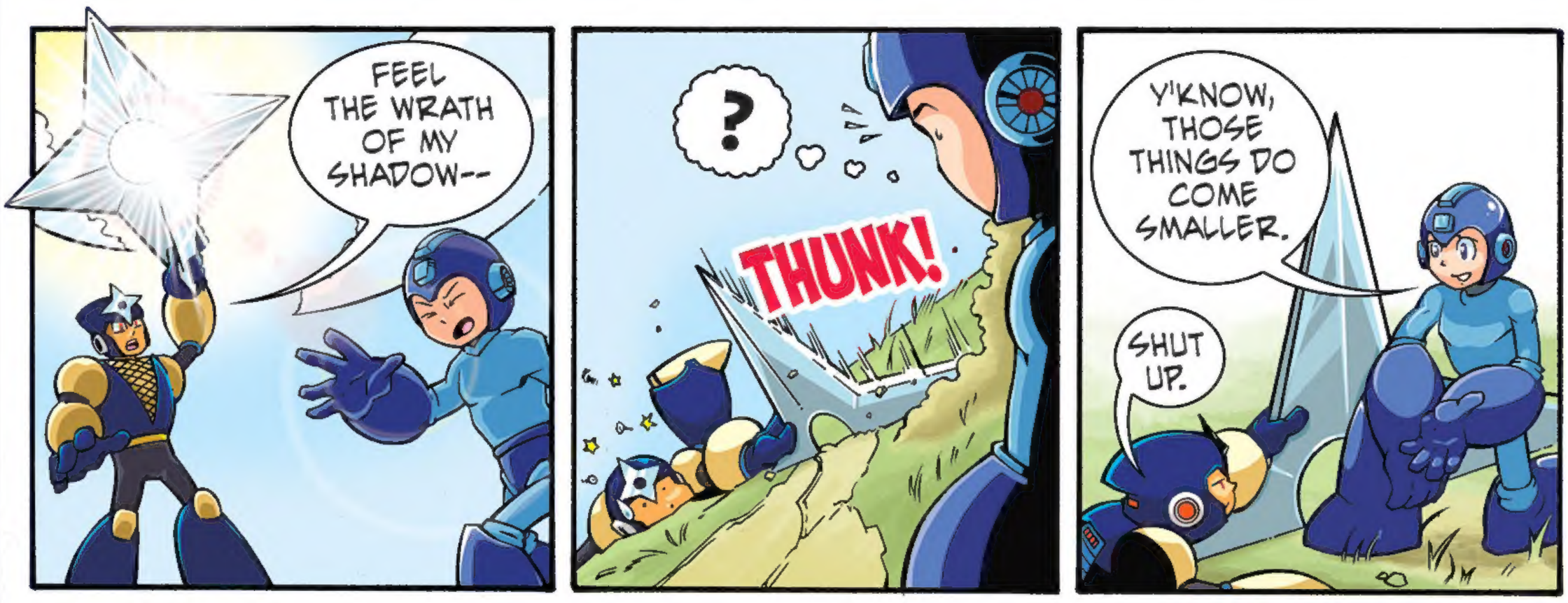

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey guys, just wanted to say I loved Mega Man Issue #40 -- you did SUCH a good job balancing all the characters out, and I loved the details of how much of a monster Vile really is, or that Sigma does have that drop of evil in him!

Hello! Glad to hear you enjoyed our peek into the Mega Man X universe! There's still much to be seen there, though!

I've been reading since the beginning, but add me as another customer if you guys do a full Mega Man X spin-off!

Your avid Mega Man fan,
Summer H. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thank you for your loyalty, Summer! We're aiming to bring you as much Mega Man X goodness as possible, so look forward to future issues!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Long time reader, first time writer. On behalf of all of your readers, thanks for making these comics! I've been waiting forever for a good Mega Man comic to come out and this one has far surpassed my expectations.

Woot! Thanks for the praise!

My favorite character is Wily, because he's always determined yet sympathetic enough that sometimes you find yourself rooting for him. Is there any chance that we'll learn something about his past? Some of it is hinted at in the Battle Network spin-off games, but I'd like to know more.

Writer, Ian Flynn, really wants to go deeper into Wily's past, particularly about how he got banned from working on advanced robotics!

What are your thoughts on the BN and Starforce series?

While my first loves will always be the classic series and Mega Man X, both Battle Network and Starforce still hold a special place in my Mega memories! Not only is the gameplay fun, those character designs are sick too!

Tell Wily he's got a fan in me.

Evidently Wily's biggest fan,
Aidan D. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Aidan! I'm sure Dr. Wily will be pleased to know that he's finally got some support!

We'll see y'all next time for continuing adventures of Mega Man in "Legends of the Blue Bomber"!

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